ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A recirculating water fountain configured for table/desk top use comprises a water reservoir, a plenum mounted above the reservoir and configured to accumulate a substantially still pool of water, and a pump

5   operable to pump water upwardly from the reservoir to form the water pool in the plenum. The recirculating water fountain includes a visually open flow pathway sloping downward from beneath the plenum to receive water from a plenum overflow for return to the reservoir, and a controller for alternately defining a pump-on mode and a pump-off mode. The pump controller

10   functions to define the pump-off mode in response to the water level in the reservoir falling below a first height mark and to prevent resumption of the pump-on mode until the water level in the reservoir exceeds a second height mark. The open flow pathway includes a first portion defining convex and concave surfaces which guide the sheet flow along a visually pleasing

15   generally sinuous path, and a second downwardly sloping diverging ramp portion which is ridged to produce a visually pleasing rippling effect.

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